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NEW QUARANTINE BILL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new Quarantine Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to inadequate testing and detection facilities, several pests infected with various diseases have been imported in the past few years which has caused considerable damage to Agricultural crops; and

(d) if so, the extent to which introduction of Quarantine Bill is going to check such State of affairs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): There was a proposal to establish a Plant Quarantine Authority through aseparate Plant Quarantine Bill.However, the proposal has not been agreed to by the Ministry of Finance.

(c): No pest has been introduced because of inadequate testing and detection facilities.

(d): Question does not arise.